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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY BALLISTIC MISSILE COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BALLISTIC MISSILE COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE BALLISTIC MISSILE
COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Submission of Items for OSD-BMC Consideration

The scope of OSD-BMC review has been extended to cover additional "highest national priority" programs established by the National Security Council. In addition to the ballistic missile programs already under this priority, the following programs have been added:

The anti-missile defense weapon system, including active defense and related early warning for defense of the United States proper; IGY scientific satellite (VANGUARD-JUPITER C) programs; Satellite programs (other than VANGUARD and JUPITER C) determined by the Secretary of Defense to have objectives having key political, scientific, psychological or military import.

To accommodate this additional workload the OSD-BMC Alternates have established a more formal meeting and review procedure. This procedure was reviewed by the OSD-BMC at the 38th meeting on 19 February 1958.

The OSD-BMCA will hold regular weekly meetings on Tuesday at 1400 hours. Special meetings will be held only in the case of an emergency requirement.

In order that sufficient time be allowed to prepare and distribute an agenda and for the review of the items submitted prior to the meeting, it is requested that items for review be submitted not later than 1200 hours on Friday.

An agenda of OSD-BMCA items will be distributed not later than Monday a.m. Two copies of the agenda will be forwarded to the Executive Secretaries of the respective military service committees. Additional copies will be supplied on request.

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